

- In 1996, people ages **75-84**:
  - constituted approximately 34% of the total elderly population in Tennessee
  - were 64% female and 36% male
  - were 11.1% black, 88.7% white, and 0.2% other races.
- Persons ages **75-84** increased by 14.4% from 1990 to 1996. Within this age-group, females increased by 14.6% and males, 14.1%.
- The increase from 1990 to 1996 in the number of blacks, whites, and other races, for ages **75-84**, was 2.5%, 16.1%, and 5.6%, respectively.
- In 1996, people ages **85 and over**:
  - constituted approximately 11% of the total elderly population in Tennessee
  - were 73% female and 27% male
  - were 11.9% black, 87.9% white, and 0.2% other races.
- The number of people ages **85 and over** increased by 28% from 1990 to 1996. Within this age-group, the number of females increased by 29% and males increased by 25.1%.
- The increase from 1990 to 1996 in the number of blacks, whites, and other races, for ages **85 and over**, was 16.4%, 29.7%, and 21.8%, respectively.

Note: Population data for 1990 are from the April 1990 U.S. Census. See also Health Information Tennessee Web site ([server.to/hit](http://server.to/hit)), CHRG-TDH June 1998.